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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER BLASTS LATIN AMERICAN TRIP OF BELIZEAN
PREMIER

1. IN PUBLIC STATEMENT DURING JUNE 10 PRESS CONFERENCE,
FOREIGN MINISTER JORGE ARENALES CATALAN APPEALED TO LATIN
AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS NOT TO ACCORD OFFICIAL RECEPTION BELIZEAN
PRIME MINISTER GEORGE PRICE, WHO CURRENTLY IS MAKING TOUR
OF SEVERAL CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICAN NATIONS. ARENALES
WENT ON TO COMMENT THAT HE DETECTED PLAN TO GIVE
BELIZE "PSEUDO-INDEPENDENCE" WHILE MAINTAINING ITS TIES
IN SOME FORM OR OTHER TO GREAT BRITAIN. ARENALES
ALSO TOOK OCCASION TO ATTACK BRITAIN'S "COLONIALIST
OCCUPATION" OF GIBRALTER AND THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

2. COMMENT: PRICE'S TRIP AND ARENALES' COMMENTS PROBABLY
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WIPE OUT WHAT LITTLE CHANCE THERE MAY HAVE BEEN OF

RENEWED TALKS ON THE BELIZE PROBLEM PRIOR TO GUATEMALAN
CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT ON JULY 1. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT
BELIEVE ARENALES' REMARKS PRESAGE ANY INTENTION
BY GUATEMALA TO HEAT UP BELIZE ISSUE. END COMMENT.
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